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APPLICANT : THOMAS PATRICK RYAN
TITLE : **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING TISSUE**
SERIAL NO. : 09/992,301
FILED : November 14, 2001
PARENT EXAMINER : GLENN DAWSON

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of this continuation application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the enclosed Fig. 17 to the drawings of record.